

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/014083

Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-12 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1-13 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 11.06.2005 with letter
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on of 09.06.2005
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/5-5/5 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
1. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1			
1.1 US 2003/150829, which is considered to be the most relevant prior art, describes a merchandise display unit identical to the one described in the preamble of claim 1.			
<p>The problem solved by the invention is that of providing the merchandise display unit with a small ratchet device so as to minimise vibrations when the back panel moves relative to the track.</p>			
<p>To solve this problem, the invention includes a ratchet device separate from the broad folds of the track, operating by the engagement of at least one notched extension on the sliding back panel and at least one matching counterpart on the track supporting said back panel.</p>			
<p>These features are novel and cannot be derived in an obvious manner from the cited documents by a person skilled in the art seeking to solve the above-mentioned problem.</p>			

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1.2 For the above reasons, the subject matter of claim 1 and dependent claims 2 to 13 meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

1.3 The industrial applicability of the subject matter of the invention is obvious (PCT Article 33(4)).